

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

July 11, 2011

RE: Applications by T-Mobile and AT&T for consent to merge (WT Docket No. 11-65)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As a representative of New Mexico's 44<sup>th</sup>, my district covers Rio Rancho, the fastest growing city in New Mexico, as well as more rural areas. I am writing in support of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. Both areas should have equal access to reliable, high-speed wireless broadband service and good cell phone coverage. I believe this merger will greatly enhance my constituents' ability to connect to family, friends and business contacts.

As an advocate for economic development in New Mexico, I believe the merger will help bring more business opportunities and jobs to our state. With increased broadband services, New Mexico businesses will have greater access to markets outside our region. National and global clients will virtually be at their fingertips with real-time video conferencing, news and e-mail updates.


With enhanced wireless networks, businesses will be able to take advantage of the full capabilities of smartphones and other devices. Keeping up with cutting-edge technology will help bolster our state's business reputation. It will also help them to increase visibility by providing them with fast access to social media and marketing tools.

Approving the AT&T merger with T-mobile will bring AT&T 4G LTE coverage to more New Mexico communities. Greater access to AT&T's 4G LTE network will help attract new businesses to the state that require fast broadband speeds yet want the benefits of a rural location.

With 8000% growth in AT&T's mobile data traffic over the past four years, consumer demand for wireless broadband services has increased dramatically. The merger will ensure more New Mexico businesses have access to increasingly competitive wireless options.

Please consider this letter of support, and my recommendation of approval of the merger.

Sincerely,



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